

Kalamazoo Public Library
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC MEETING
Date: April 22, 2013
Time: 4:00
Location: Central Library Board Room

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL:

Present: Fenner Brown, Robert Brown, Bruce Caple, Lisa Godfrey, Cheryl TenBrink, James VanderRoest, and Valerie Wright.

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER:

President TenBrink called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

President TenBrink changed the order of the reports and recommendations under item V. "KPL Survey Report" became item V. A. The amended agenda was approved.

I. RECOGNITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS

None.

II. PERSONS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one addressed the Board.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 25, 2013*

B. *Personnel Items*

- **Resignation**

Cheryl Cavalear resigned from the KPLSP FTE .50 Programming Support position in Youth Services effective April 29, 2013. Cheryl began work at KPL in July 2010 and worked as a Tech intern and library aide before becoming part of the salaried staff in December 2012. She accepted a full time position at the Family Health Center.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. *Financial Reports for the Month Ending March 31, 2013*

Recommendation: Director Rohrbaugh recommended the Board accept the Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2013.

MOTION: L. GODFREY MOVED AND R. BROWN SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.



V. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT:

A. *KPL Survey Report – Dr. Whitney Gunter, Kercher Center for Social Research, WMU*

Report: Director Rohrbaugh introduced W. Gunter from the Kercher Center at WMU. A survey committee of staff and board members developed the questions for the survey, which was distributed by mail and the library's website in January and W. Gunter was present to report on the findings. Director Rohrbaugh told trustees that an abridged report of the findings was included in their Board packets and the full version of the report with all the comments was available electronically.

W. Gunter thanked Board members for giving him the opportunity to complete this research saying it was enlightening to hear from the constituents of Kalamazoo on the topic of the library. W. Gunter said the full report with all the comments was available and he would be reporting on some of the highlights. W. Gunter began by explaining the methodology of the survey and that the response rate to the mail survey had been about 20%, which he explained was typical for a mailed survey. The online survey had been posted on the library's website and sent out via the e-newsletter and had two additional questions relating to library cards as picture ID's and ebooks. W. Gunter said for his report he would focus on the mailed survey but the responses for the different surveys were very similar.

W. Gunter began presenting the demographics of those who completed the survey. He explained these demographic results were rather typical: women, older adults, and those in higher income brackets are generally more likely to complete mail surveys. In the full report, the responses to the survey were broken down to determine if there were response biases based on demographics. W. Gunter said the survey found people's opinions were similar regardless of their demographics.

W. Gunter presented graphs of how each of the questions were answered. The residents who replied to the survey were generally casual library users using the library once or twice a month to a few times per year. Almost 70% of respondents said they would definitely vote to renew the millage with another 16% of respondents saying they would probably vote to renew the millage. When asked about possible further reductions, respondents disliked the idea of closing a branch. The two ideas the respondents most favored as ways to reduce were closing the teen room during school hours and cutting Law Library hours.

Respondents were asked to rate the importance of the library's current goals. Help parents to prepare their young children to learn in school; provide children with good books, movies and music; provide teens and tweens with good books, movies and music; and provide adults with good books, movies and music were all rated as very important goals. The next most important goal was that the library provide free high-speed access to the internet followed by provide local history and genealogy resources and information and help nonprofit organizations develop and grow. R. Brown said the goal of helping nonprofit organizations develop and grow was not an individual service as much as a service to organizations, which may be why it was ranked lowest of the current priorities. W. Gunter said this may be the case and that the other goals related to more traditional library services as well. W. Gunter displayed the results of this question as it was answered by low income and high income respondents and by level of education. The trend of the results did not greatly fluctuate when the results were broken down by these demographics.

Respondents were presented with five possible new goals and were asked to rank them by importance. Expand homework help, expand job/career services and offer computer training classes were the highest ranked possible new goals. Expanding support for small businesses and providing resources for do-it-yourself, craft or other creative activities were ranked as lowest importance. When asked if one of these new goals should replace the old goals, respondents were split with 55% answering one of the current goals should be replaced and 45% saying the current goals should not be replaced.

W. Gunter lastly presented the two questions asked solely on the online survey. No clear consensus could be drawn from respondents on whether library cards should be used as a picture ID. A question about ebooks was also added to the online survey as a response to the number of comments from the mail survey about ebooks. The top two responses to this question were "I would like to see more ebook titles available at my library" and "I am not interested in checking out ebooks from the library."

Discussion: B. Caple asked what the source of the possible new goals was. Director Rohrbaugh answered these were chosen within the committee from the PLA service priorities. F. Brown asked if the results presented were the combined mail and online survey results. W. Gunter answered the results presented, other than the final two questions, were strictly from the mailed survey. He said the results from the two surveys were never merged and the full report had a separate section with the results to online survey. The online survey, he explained, had a slightly weaker methodology because there was no way of knowing the response rate for the survey or how many were taking the survey.

Director Rohrbaugh reminded Board members of her three goals for undertaking the survey: feedback on the library's goals, where further reductions should be taken if necessary, and whether there was support for the millage. She said she thought all of these goals were met by this survey. L. Godfrey said she was more pessimistic about the millage after reading the comments in the full report of the survey. W. Gunter said it may be people in the minority are more likely to write comments because they want to be heard knowing they are in the minority. L. Godfrey asked how many of the surveys contained write-in comments. W. Gunter answered he did not know this number but would estimate only 10-20% contained write-in comments. F. Howe added she would be surprised if a respondent had written negative comments after answering they definitely or likely would vote to renew the millage. W. Gunter said he thought this correlation was likely and that he would be surprised if a respondent had negatively commented on the millage rate and chosen anything but "probably not vote to renew" and "definitely not vote to renew" on the millage question.

Disposition: W. Gunter said he was happy to answer any further questions the Board members had. Trustees and Director Rohrbaugh thanked W. Gunter for his report. W. Gunter thanked the Board for allowing him to do this research.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

B. Anti-Harassment Policy

Recommendation: Director Rohrbaugh recommended the Board approve the revised "Anti-Harassment Policy".

Executive Summary: At the March board meeting, the board approved an “Anti-Harassment Policy” to replace the one originally adopted in March 1994.

Although the policy was approved, the suggestion was made it be amended to clarify that it applied to patrons and vendors, as well as, staff. The policy was been revised and came to the board with the support of the Personnel Committee.

Discussion: Director Rohrbaugh reminded Board members they had approved a revised Anti-Harassment Policy at the previous Board meeting and at J. Vander Roest’s request, the Personnel Committee had reconvened to consider new revisions which clarified the policy pertained to patrons, vendors and staff at the library. B. Caple said he found J. Vander Roest’s changes very astute.

MOTION: J. VANDERROEST MOVED AND F. BROWN SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE THE REVISED “ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY”.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.



C. Antiracism Team

Recommendation: Director Rohrbaugh recommended the board commit to and approve the creation of an antiracism team as the next step in moving KPL towards becoming an antiracist organization.

Executive Summary: The “Kalamazoo Public Library Project Description for an Antiracism Team” described the history, process, and budget for the creation of an antiracism team.

Ideally, the library would have waited until all or most funding was in place to bring the recommendation to the board but there was an opportunity to partner with KVCC and Portage Public Schools for the training. A partnership would reduce costs and, more importantly, develop synergy and momentum among all of the organizations.

As shown in the budget, the first year out-of-pocket costs were estimated at \$29,000 if in partnership with others. To move forward at this time, would require a commitment of half or about \$14,500; the library expects funding from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation for about \$7,500 as well as the possibility of additional funding in later years from them and possible funding elsewhere for the first year.

Director Rohrbaugh believes it was reasonable for some portion of these costs to be paid from the library’s operational budget, perhaps \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year and Crossroads would help the library search for and apply for other grant funding. Should it not be forthcoming, KPL would need to reevaluate the timing and pace going forward, however, most of the grant applications require a commitment from the governing body so applications can not be completed until the board has approved the creation of the team.

This recommendation was reviewed by the Personnel Committee and came to the board with their support.

Discussion: Director Rohrbaugh said the library began sending people to ERAC/CE training in the late 1990’s/early 2000’s and approximately 60 staff and Board members had attended the

training. The next step in the process is the establishment of an Antiracism Team and the library currently had an opportunity to collaborate and save money by working with Kalamazoo Valley Community College and the Portage Public Schools. Director Rohrbaugh said Board commitment to establishing this team would hopefully help solidify funding.

F. Brown asked about the line in the budget for room rentals. Director Rohrbaugh said this was an in-kind donation and rooms would be utilized at the library or at one of the partner locations with no out-of-pocket costs. R. Brown said he would be abstaining from this vote. He explained conceptually he was very supportive of the creation of the team but he had reservations about some of the outside resources involved that would keep him from voting in favor of the motion. He said he did not want to stand in the way of the creation of the team, however, so he would not be voting against the motion either. B. Caple asked if the library's commitment to the antiracism team was \$30,000-40,000 for the first year. Director Rohrbaugh explained that with no collaboration and no outside funding, this would be the expected cost to the library for the first year. She explained if the library collaborated with the two other organizations as planned the costs would go down and that with Board commitment to the establishment of the team outside funding may be easier to secure. L. Godfrey confirmed the library would only be budgeting for \$3,000-5,000. Director Rohrbaugh confirmed this and said if the library did not receive any or enough grants, she would have to bring this item back to the Board for reconsideration.

B. Caple asked what the training would encompass from a broad, conceptual standpoint. C. Hoag said she envisioned the team would be analyzing KPL's policies and exploring the history of the library. She said they would be given tools to look at racism within the organization from a historical context and then coming up with strategies and skills to transform KPL into an antiracist organization. C. Hann pointed Board members to page five of the project description and added that the team would be doing a lot of work on their own between the trainings. K. King said the trainers would be giving the team a very specific set of tools. C. Hoag said one of the things the PDTF hoped for was that they would be taught how to do training in-house specific to the library and, as a result, have less need to send people to ERAC/CE for multi-day trainings. C. Hann said an advantage of collaborating with the other organizations would be the opportunity to build relationships and learn from one another's experiences in the future.

F. Brown reflected on his experience in completing the training at ERAC/CE saying he had two reservations: the cost of the training and the time commitment. He said the work this team would be completing takes a very long time to accomplish and that he was alarmed to hear the process could be abandoned if funding were not secured. He suggested the PDTF come up with a plan if funding if they were unable to solidify funding.

President TenBrink asked who would decide who would be on the Antiracism Team. C. Hoag said the PDTF would decide membership and it would depend on who submitted applications but that they hoped to create a diverse team. President TenBrink commented on the demographic information collected on the application and said often this information was kept secret but that she could see how it would be helpful information to have when constructing a team of this nature. L. Godfrey said having this information not be anonymous could help the PDTF put together a team that is committed and can be successful. J. VanderRoest said in his twenty years as being a Board member at the library, he had a hard time seeing the organization having a problem with racism compared to other organizations in the community. He said if there was a perception that there was a problem then there was a problem, and though he fully

supported addressing the problem and self-examination, he was not in support of the library advocating within the community beyond being an example. He said this was a good step to take and he sees the work that needs to be done but that he doesn't want to see the library suddenly in a position where it is taking more extreme measures like occupying Bronson Park. Director Rohrbaugh and President TenBrink said his point was well understood.

MOTION: L. GODFREY MOVED AND F. BROWN SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO COMMIT TO AND APPROVE THE CREATION OF AN ANTIRACISM TEAM AS THE NEXT STEP IN MOVING KPL TOWARDS BECOMING AN ANTIRACIST ORGANIZATION.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.



REPORTS:

D. Third Quarter Strategic Planning Statistics

Report: Director Rohrbaugh said progress in most areas was on track. She commented on a few objectives in the cover to the report in the Board packets and said she would be happy to comment or defer to the appropriate department head for any questions

Discussion: V. Wright said it was interesting to see the objectives the library had already accomplished. Director Rohrbaugh said it was always a balance to have goals that are a stretch but realistically attainable. She commented that over the last three years the library has met some ambitious circulation goals. Management Team has discussed this level of success can't be expected to continue growing so drastically. F. Brown asked if new goals may be maintaining the level that has been achieved rather than working towards increases each year. Director Rohrbaugh said it would depend on the objective. KPL's circulation is continuing to increase but this was not the norm compared with other Class VI libraries in the state.

Disposition: Board members thanked Director Rohrbaugh for her report.

E. Legislative Report

Report: D. Schiller said the legislature had been busy working on their budget. She told trustees the Senate Appropriations Committee had proposed the budget for the Michigan Department of Education and library funding was at its highest level in six years. J. Vander Roest asked about changes to the revenue the library received through district court penal fines. D. Schiller said there had been discussion but the fines received had always been the result of an agreement between the county treasurer and the individual library. She said the county treasurer and administrator had been constant and not changed the formula which determines how much revenue KPL receives from penal fines and, in fact, the library had just received its third quarter distribution. D. Schiller said counties are under a lot of financial stress and she wouldn't be surprised if more counties started withholding more of this revenue since there was only a minimum level the county had to relinquish.

D. Schiller said Director Rohrbaugh had gotten information about Senate Bills 4393-4397 at SMLC recently. These bills, if passed, would effect when the library would be required to submit ballot language for millage. The proposed bill would require language for the ballot to be submitted by the 15th Tuesday before the election. Director Rohrbaugh said the reason for this change was so there was more time to mail absentee ballots to people abroad. L. Godfrey said the millage language would need to be prepared before the end of the year.

Disposition: Trustees thanked D. Schiller for her report.

F. Reading Together Wrap-Up Report – Karen Santamaria

Report: K. Santamaria gave Board members a handout. She said the goals for Reading Together this year were to increase program attendance and increase circulation of the book. The steering committee set very specific goals for circulation and program attendance and met and slightly surpassed these goals. Circulation met 102% of its goal with each print book circulating an average on 6.9 times. K. Santamaria pointed out the final page of the report gave historical information of Reading Together over the years but cautioned that these numbers are not necessarily comparable.

Discussion: L. Godfrey clarified that *The Submission* was not available in ebook format to libraries but was available to purchase in ebook. K. Santamaria confirmed this was the case and she was aware of some people who purchased the ebook in order to read it. She said the book was available in e-audiobook format through Overdrive and format availability was one of the things the steering committee considered when choosing a selection. She reminded board members that last year *Into the Beautiful North* was not available in large print but was available in Spanish.

L. Godfrey said another big consideration when choosing a title was whether the author could be brought to Kalamazoo. Director Rohrbaugh said the library had learned over the years bringing the author for Reading Together was very important to the success of the program. K. Santamaria had said she and M. Cockrell had already talked about the benefit of bookending Reading Together with two big events. Director Rohrbaugh said she sensed strong interest still in Reading Together. V. Wright said she was impressed by the buzz at the Brooke Gladstone event and how excited everyone was to continue talking about the book and its main points. K. Santamaria said she had thought about keeping the Reading Together blog active during the year as a place where Book Clubs could discuss what they have been reading. V. Wright said the timing of Reading Together helped with the success of the program. B. Caple recommended the movie *Maya Lin: a strong clear vision* to anyone who had not watched it.

Disposition: Board members thanked K. Santamaria for her report.

G. Response to Patron: Noise in Rotunda – Sue Warner

Report: Director Rohrbaugh said this report was in response to A. Khazad's comment that the second floor of Central Library was too loud. S. Warner said as public libraries continue to evolve, they are becoming community centers where people gather to participate in many different individual and shared activities, and there was no longer an expectation of silence in most public libraries. At Central Library, the architecture of the physical space was not created for silence, however, there were some areas that tended to be quieter (Local History, Tech Center) as well as three quiet study rooms.

S. Warner explained noisy patrons can become a problem throughout all public areas of the library. Face-to-face conversations, mobile phone conversations, personal music, and crying children are common disruptions. The library has Rules of Behavior and staff and security staff need to take responsibility for enforcing these rules consistently throughout the system.

Young children who are accompanying their parents who are using computers on the second floor can become noisy. A. Khazad suggested these parents should be using computers in the Children's Room, so their noisy children will be confined to that space. However, Children's Room has only two public computers with internet access are reserved for use by children age 12 and under.

The task force that met to discuss this problem had three recommendations: continue to allow parents with children to use public computers on the second floor; continue to reserve public computers in Children's Room for children age 12 and younger; provide coloring sheets, crayons, and picture books to children accompanying parents on the second floor; and library staff and security staff will receive training on skills that can be used in interactions with parents and children.

Discussion: B. Caple asked if staff had noticed a greater number of patrons raising this issue at the library. M. Cockrell answered this was a complaint that was being heard more often and there has been a growing gap between the perceptions of how much noise is acceptable in the library. S. Warner said this is not simply noise due to children though. L. Godfrey said there were quieter places in the library. M. Cockrell said both Local History and the Tech Center were quieter places at Central Library. B. Caple said positive intervention should be used with patrons with disruptive children. S. Warner said this was how staff in the Children's Room worked with patrons using empathy to express that crying children could be a challenge for any person.

J. VanderRoest asked if it was appropriate to designate a quiet study place at Central Library. M. Cockrell said this happened naturally but the rotunda could not be kept quiet being such a cavernous open space. S. Lindemann said the complaints about noise center around the rotunda. M. Cockrell said the sound was essentially constant and it can be very difficult to pinpoint where specific noise was coming from.

President TenBrink asked if there were expected to be more computers in the Children's Room after the reconfigurations and wondered if these new computers could be available for parents to use. S. Warner answered there may be two more computers but when parents come to use a computer in the Children's Room they will most likely use it for two hours taking away opportunities for a child to use it. S. Warner said the library hoped to be setting up a system for lending out ipads or laptops for short amounts of time in the next couple of years as a way of mitigating this problem. V. Wright said she appreciated the report that had been put together to respond to this suggestion. S. Warner said it was an informative discussion to have. Director Rohrbaugh said a response would be sent to A. Khazad. President TenBrink asked if the branches were having any similar problems. S. Warner said she had not heard of any similar complaints from the branches.

Disposition: Board members thanked S. Warner for her report.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. *Finance and Budget Committee*—J. VanderRoest said the Budget and Finance Committee would be meeting next month to review the final budget for next year.
- B. *Personnel Committee*—V. Wright said the committee had met to discuss the Anti-Harassment Policy and Antiracism Team. She also reminded Board members to return the Director's evaluations to her.

- C. *Fund Development and Allocations Committee*—no report.
- D. *Director's Building Advisory Committee*—Director Rohrbaugh said the committee had not met but she had some updates to share with Board members. S. Penchansky was expecting construction documents to be completed by May 17th. A mandatory walkthrough would take place either May 22nd or May 29th with bids due back on June 14th. Director Rohrbaugh expected to bring a recommendation to the Board at the June meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Preliminary Discussion of Next Cycle of Strategic Priorities*

Discussion: Director Rohrbaugh said management had been talking about the strategic priorities with staff for the next three years. She said she was not recommending the library undertake a new strategic planning process because the library felt it was on a course that was in sync with the community. Staff and management were energized by the idea of tweaking the current goals and thinking about new ways to meet community needs through these revised goals. Director Rohrbaugh said a main focus would be offering more digital opportunities and trainings in digital equipment. Staff were also excited about expanding the local history priority to all things local. This draft dropped the ONEplace priority. Director Rohrbaugh explained that she did not expect any major differences in this service to take place but that the emphasis on ONEplace was much greater three years ago as it was a new service getting off the ground. She said she now thought of ONEplace as similar to the Law Library as being a department within Adult Services which received outside funding.

Director Rohrbaugh said she expected to bring a recommendation to the Board about the priorities to the June Board meeting. L. Godfrey asked why creating had been added to the adult "Stimulate Imagination" priority saying the survey results had indicated respondents were not interested in do-it-yourself crafts. Director Rohrbaugh answered the library thought there was limited interest in creative programs and management would like to experiment with offering adult creative programs. She explained that much of what the library would like to do could also be considered a digital opportunity such as offering specialized software on the computers in the computer lab. Director Rohrbaugh said she envisioned most of the programming for adults would fall under the priority focused on local culture.

F. Howe said the library had been approached by other groups who offered maker opportunities about collaborating for adult programs. M. Cockrell said expanding this priority would allow some of the library's current programming that was creative in nature to fall within the parameters of the strategic plan. Director Rohrbaugh said if the library had heard strongly that survey respondents wanted do-it-yourself/maker opportunities than the library would likely adopt a new priority specific to this and invest much more time and resources into making it a success than the current draft of the strategic priorities.

R. Brown asked about the library being approached by maker organizations. M. Cockrell explained the library was contacted on almost a daily basis about programming ideas and a number were by individuals who were interested in showing their craft or hobby to the community. The groups the library was generally approached by tended to be techy groups who already had a following but had a need for space. He said these were some of the collaborations the library could tap into without heavily taxing library staff. This may be a way to reach a demographic that was not often reached through programming as well.

F. Brown said the results of the survey showed not many young adults were being reached and that this may be a way of reaching this demographic. L. Godfrey answered that you cannot assume all the people who were interested in taking advantage of these maker opportunities were in this demographic. F. Brown said it seemed from the library's past programming statistics that these were the types of programs that attract this demographic more often. L. Godfrey said she agreed with this assertion but she did not think this was the way to bring in this age group.

J. VanderRoest added he thought the tweaks made were good and dropping the ONEplace priority was understandable saying he had always thought five priorities was too many. V. Wright said she understood how the strategic plan would need to periodically be spiced up. Director Rohrbaugh said staff felt this way too and the survey responses indicated, and staff working on desks confirm, that patrons are needing help working on the computer and increasing their digital literacy. She said the library had an important role to play helping people stay connected.

Director Rohrbaugh asked Board members if they wanted management to take the word "creative" out of the priorities. B. Caple said that he gathered from the survey was respondents did not want the library to become an arts and crafts organization and there was a distinction between this and the digital opportunities that might be provided. L. Godfrey said she agreed with this but this wasn't clear in the language. Director Rohrbaugh said the types of creative opportunities offered would be articulated in the objectives. B. Caple said there needed to be some clarification with the language. J. VanderRoest said the expanded local priority was a great idea and just plain fun.

Director Rohrbaugh said management would continue to work on these and a recommendation would be brought back to the Board at the June board meeting.

B. Director's Report

Presentation: Director Rohrbaugh drew attention to item fourteen and the new downloadable magazine service Zinio. J. VanderRoest asked what kinds of magazines were available. B. Caple and Director Rohrbaugh mentioned a few of the magazines including *Rolling Stone* and *National Geographic*. M. Cockrell said 72 magazines total were available. B. Caple said the site was far easier to navigate than Freegal. Item fifteen indicated ebook circulation continued to be very strong. Director Rohrbaugh said the July Board meeting may be held at the Oshtemo Branch where Board members could tour the sorting area which recently underwent a 5S/LEAN event.

Discussion: B. Caple asked what the specific issues were with retagging the AV collection. G. Green explained the process of retagging the discs and explained the problems the library had had with the 50/50 tags being re-enabled by the smart drops. He explained the solution 3M had developed but that staff had go through the entire collection again. V. Wright asked about item two. Director Rohrbaugh said this was very good news. She explained that Minnesota is already a Federal Depository Library for more than one state and would now be the Federal Depository Library for Michigan as well. V. Wright commented the library story about the teen film fest participant who was accepted into NYU's film school was great. J. VanderRoest asked about item eleven and whether the collaboration with WMUK and the Center for the Humanities was a monetary collaboration. Director Rohrbaugh confirmed that it was. J. VanderRoest said he thought the Brooke Gladstone event was a great program that he really enjoyed. F. Brown

asked for more information on item nine. Director Rohrbaugh answered that Bailey was a darling dog who was very patient and nonjudgmental with young readers.

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one addressed the Board.

IX. COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

- V. Wright said Reading Together fit under the new local priority. She said some of the smaller discussions this year left her riveted and not wanting to leave. She said she learned so much from the programs that she attended and took away something from each which added to the larger picture and discussion.
- B. Caple said he recently read *The Day the World Came to Town* which was a lovely little read with a good subject and tied into the Reading Together title.
- R. Brown said he very much enjoyed and benefitted from the Reading Together events he attended.
- J. VanderRoest said he enjoyed attending the two larger events but he was disappointed when Michigan News Agency ran out of Brooke Gladstone's book before he was able to get to the table to buy one.
- C. TenBrink said she had enjoyed the annual Friends meeting and that she was looking forward to the Global Reading Challenge finale that evening.

X. ADJOURNEMENT

Hearing no objection, President TenBrink adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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Fenner Brown
Secretary